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July 16 | 10:30 a.m. | 2000 block of West Superior Street

[Duluth, MN] The City of Duluth and Main Street Lincoln Park will host a ribbon-cutting for the Cross-City Trail rerouted bike lane that will go through the business district of Lincoln Park today, July 16, at 10:30 a.m. The ribbon-cutting will be held on the corner of the 2000 block of West Superior Street.

The protected bike lane came to be when the bike community recognized that a portion of the Cross-City Trail was going to be removed while the interchange was constructed. The City of Duluth, MnDOT, and community advocates worked together to design and construct this project for a protected lane while the construction is underway. The Minnesota Department of Transportation paid \$257,000

"We know that the Cross-City Trail means a lot to residents and visitors," City Engineer Cindy Voigt said. "We can't thank MnDOT enough for agreeing to cover bike accommodations in a way that is safe and showcases the Lincoln Park business district."

Shannon Laing, the director of the Main Street Program for Ecolibrium3, agrees, "This is a fantastic opportunity for folks to see how well a protected bikeway can work in a commercial corridor. By gathering data while this detour is in place, an accurate picture of what works and what doesn't can be formulated for future street designs in Duluth."

The protected bike lane is now open to the public for use.

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